

information sending means for sending the information, which is to be displayed by the plural display means, to the plural information writing means, wherein the information sent from the information sending means can be displayed on the plural information display means.

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending in this application. By this amendment, claims 1 and 6 are amended to further clarify the subject matter recited in claims 1 and 6. In particular, claims 1 and 6 are not amended to distinguish over any applied art. Moreover, Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to claims 1 and 6 do not narrow the scope of these claims relative to the scope these claims would have been afforded as originally filed.

The attached Appendix includes a marked up copy of each rewritten claim (37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(1)(ii)).

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 3, 6 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent 4,760,388 to Tatsumi. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Office Action asserts that Tatsumi teaches displaying pictures on screens A, B, and C, each of which has individually operating displaying units 1a, 1b, and 1c. Applicant submits that Tatsumi does not disclose "plural display means for displaying an image after cutoff of electric power," as recited in claims 1-14, i.e. having storability, as disclosed at page 8 of the application. In Tatsumi, the display elements are cathode ray tube (CRT) screens (See Tatsumi, col. 1 lines 26-29), which must be driven by electrical current at all times in order to display information. Therefore, the CRT screens are not display means for displaying an image after cutoff of electric power.

For at least this reason, Tatsumi fails to teach or disclose every feature of claims 1-14, and thus fails to anticipate claims 1, 3, 6, and 8 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b). Applicant

respectfully requests therefore, that the rejection of claims 1, 3, 6 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) be withdrawn.

The Office Action rejects claims 2, 4-5, 7 and 9-14 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over Tatsumi in view of U.S. Patent 5,583,539 to Hiketa. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

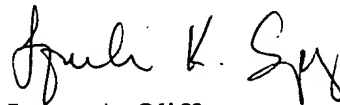
The Office Action admits that Tatsumi does not disclose a system where the display means are detachably attached to the information sending means. The Office Action then asserts that Hiketa teaches item selection input apparatus including IC cards which are inserted in slots for reading out the display data. Applicant submits, however, that although the IC cards are detachable, they are not equivalent to, or even remotely similar to, the claimed display means. Such IC cards merely store the data to be displayed on a display device (See Hiketa, col. 10, lines 52-56.) Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that neither Hiketa nor Tatsumi, either alone or in combination, discloses or suggests that "the display means are detachably attached to the information sending means," as recited in claims 2 and 7.

Furthermore, Hiketa does not disclose or suggest "plural display means for displaying an image after cutoff of electric power." Hiketa discloses only a single display means, as disclosed, for example, at col. 2, lines 11-13, which states that the "item input screen 32 comprises a liquid crystal display device (LCD) for selectively displaying one out of a plurality of pictures." Therefore, Hiketa does not remedy the deficiency of Tatsumi with respect to claims 1 and 6. Therefore, claims 4, 5, 13 and 14, which depend from claim 1, and claims 9-12, all of which depend from claim 6, recite patentable subject matter for at least the reasons outlined above with respect to claims 1 and 6. For at least these reasons, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 2, 4-5, 7 and 9-14 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-14 is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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APPENDIX

Changes to Claims:

The following is a marked-up version of amended claims 1 and 6:

1. (Amended) An information display system comprising:

plural display means ~~having storability~~ for displaying an image after cutoff of electric power; and

information sending means for sending information to-be-displayed to the plural display means, wherein the information sent from the information sending means is displayable on the plural display means.

6. (Amended) An information display system comprising:

plural display means ~~having storability~~ for displaying an image after cutoff of electric power; and

plural information writing means for writing information to the plural display means; and

information sending means for sending the information, which is to be displayed by the plural display means, to the plural information writing means, wherein the information sent from the information sending means can be displayed on the plural information display means.